



City of Seattle

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Advisory
Board

To: Councilmember Dan Strauss,
Chair: Land Use Committee
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Re: SFAB Support for SDCI 602 001-023 – Alleys, Loading Berths, and Solid Waste Storage

Dear Councilmember Strauss:

The Seattle Freight Advisory Board (SFAB) is writing to support advancement of the Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) [SDCI 602 001-023](#) and associated Director’s Rule 12-2020 requesting the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) codify new regulations for alleys, loading berths, and solid waste storage facilities as sponsored by Councilmember Lewis.

The SFAB was founded in 2010 by Seattle City Council Resolution to advise the Mayor, City Council, and City Departments on matters related to freight. We are appointees from business, private organizations, public agencies, and on trade in Seattle WA and the surrounding Puget Sound Region. As such, our mission includes advocating for workforce development and the equity needs of people in these essential jobs.

The proposed ordinance will help all residents more quickly and reliably receive their goods while also supporting the essential workers that deliver everything from parcels to medical supplies. Between 2009 and 2015, vehicles carrying goods have been involved in crashes at an increasing rate and these crashes are more likely to occur on weekdays between 6am and 4pm when freight demand is high. A consistent means of building access and off-street delivery space – especially in dense urban areas such as downtown Seattle – provides people working in the final 50 feet of the supply chain a chance to move goods more safely.

The SFAB supports this legislation because of our interest in all levels of the supply chain and the need to support people in essential goods movement jobs that make Seattle a more pleasant place to live. Thank you for your full consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Dan Kelly, Seattle Freight Advisory Board Chair

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The Seattle Freight Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the City in development of a functional and efficient freight system and on all matters related to freight and the impact that actions by the City may have upon the freight environment.

City Council Resolution
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